



## Colville National Forest

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### *Fall Prescribed Burning Starting on the CNF*

**Colville, WA** – Colville National Forest Fire Managers are keeping a close eye on the weather and moisture conditions on the Colville National Forest. Moisture levels and expected smoke dispersion patterns are now within Washington State smoke management standards and crews are starting the fall prescribed burning season. Crews are beginning to burn this week and are expected to continue prescribed fire operations into December.

Residents of the Colville Valley and those traveling near the Columbia River may see smoke west of Lake Roosevelt near Bangs Mountain and near the Deadman Creek drainage on the southeast side of C.C. Mountain. Motorists on Highway 395 and residents of Chewelah can expect to see smoke in the Quartzite watershed southeast of Chewelah. Crews also plan on conducting burning operations in the Little Pend Oreille Lakes area 20 miles east of Colville, as well as east of the Aladdin Highway on the upper third of Aladdin Mountain.

Residents in the Pend Oreille Valley and those traveling over Flowery Trail (County Road 2110) can expect to see smoke north of the Flowery Trail near Winchester Peak and south of Flowery Trail near Bartlette Meadows (County Road 2030). Crews will also be conducting burns in the Browns lake area south of Highway 20 (Tiger highway), as well as near the Ruby Creek drainage 12 miles north of Cusick, WA. Burning will occur east of the Pend Oreille River in the Geophysical area near Indian Creek, 2.5 miles northeast of Furport, Washington, the vicinity of No Name Peak, and the Slate Creek Road (3155250) located 9 miles north east of Metaline Falls, Washington.

Residents in Republic can expect to see smoke around the Swan Lake area, as well as north of Lambert Creek Road, on the north side of Boulder Pass, and around the Bubble Mountain area.

Since air quality is a major consideration during prescribed fire operations, crews may suspend burning operation if conditions warrant or if smoke begins to impact local communities. In order to ensure you have the latest information on prescribed fires on the Colville National Forest please visit [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org) or contact your local Ranger District.

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